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1. FOLLOWING IS MATERIAL REQUESTED PARA 2 REFTTEL. FORMAL
INVITATIONS FOR APRIL 24-27 BONN MEETING FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

2. FEBRUARY 21-24 DRINKING WATER EXPERTS MEETING. THE
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MEETING BEGAN WITH A SYMPOSIUM ON SUB-PROJECT AREA IV
(HEALTH EFFECTS); 26 REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED. VARIOUS
ASPECTS OF TOXICOLOGICAL TESTING AND INTERPRETATION OF
RESULTS WERE EXPLAINED BY RECOGNIZED EXPERTS IN THE FIELD,
AND AMPLE TIME WAS ALLOWED FOR QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION
AMONG THE OTHER EXPERTS;" WITH DR. J. BORZELLECA IN THE
CHAIR, PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE BY DR. D. BRUSICK (LITTON

BIONETICS, US), DR. M. GREEN (CELL MUTATION UNIT, UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX, UK) AND DR. V. RAY (PFIZER, INC., US).

3. ON THE SECOND DAY, THE DELEGATES WERE DIVIDED INTO THREE SEPARATE WORKING SESSIONS:

AREA III (CHAIR, D. O. CLIVER, US) MICROBIOLOGY
AREA IV (CHAIR, J. BORZELLECA, US) HEALTH EFFECTS
AREA V (CHAIR, A. GOODMAN, UK) REUSE

4. AREA IV INCLUDED IN ITS WORK ON FEBRUARY 22 A COMPREHENSIVE PRESENTATION ON THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF TRIHALOMETHANES BY DR. R. TARDIFF (NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, US). THE PROBLEMS OF THESE COMPOUNDS, THE MOST COMMONLY KNOWN OF WHICH IS CHLOROFORM, ARE BECOMING OF INCREASING CONCERN.

5. THE SUCCESS OF THE "SYMPOSIUM" FORMAT WAS SUCH THAT A SIMILAR EFFORT HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CCMS DRINKING WATER PROJECT IN BONN (APRIL 24-27). AREA V (REUSE) WILL CONDUCT A HALF-DAY WORKSHOP ON THE FIRST AFTERNOON TO CONSIDER THE VIEWS OF ALL CCMS PARTICIPANTS ON TWO IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF WATER REUSE:

- LEGISLATIVE CONTROL (CRITERIA AND MECHANISMS),
- METHODS OF ASSESSING DEGREES OF REUSE (VOLUMETRIC, CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL).

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TWO SPEAKERS (ONE FROM THE US, ONE FROM THE UK) WILL OUTLINE SALIENT POLICY AND SCIENTIFIC QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN THESE ISSUES PRIOR TO GROUP ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION. HOPEFULLY, THE EXPERIENCE OF ALL PARTICIPANTS CAN BE EFFECTIVELY SHARED THROUGH THE DISCUSSION SESSIONS, CONTRIBUTING TO THE WORK IN AREA V ITSELF AND TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE EXPERTS IN THIS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

6. FOLLOWING IS THE BASIC PROGRAM FOR THE PILOT STUDY MEETING APRIL 24-27 IN BONN:

MONDAY APRIL 24

1300 HRS PLENARY SESSION CONVENED
1400 HRS WORKSHOP ON WATER REUSE

TUESDAY APRIL 25

0900 HRS PARALLEL WORKING SESSIONS FOR AREAS I THROUGH VI, ALL DAY.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 26

0900 HRS PARALLEL WORKING SESSIONS FOR AREAS I THROUGH VI
1400 HRS PLENARY SESSION (TO RECEIVE PROGRESS REPORTS, TO
DISCUSS PLANNED WORK PROGRAMS, NEXT MEETINGS, ETC.

THURSDAY APRIL 27

0800 HRS VISITS TO SELECTED WATERWORKS IN THE VICINITY OF
BONN. TRANSPORTATION TO BE PROVIDED COURTESY OF THE HOST
GOVERNMENT. THE VISITS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE ALL DAY.

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WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

7. A FRENCH PROPOSAL ON ENERGY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT HAS
BEEN RECEIVED AND APPEARS TO COMPLEMENT WELL THE AREA V
WORK ON REUSE. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO INTEGRATE THE FRENCH
PROPOSAL INTO THE ONGOING WORK, STARTING IN BONN, WHICH
SHOULD RESULT IN A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AT THE END OF THE
STUDY ON CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TECHNIQUES FOR PLANNING AND
MANAGING WATER RESOURCES AT BASIN AND REGIONAL LEVEL. THIS
IS RECOGNIZED AS AN IMPORTANT TOPIC, AS THE INCREASING
DEMAND FOR WATER FOR ALL PURPOSES IS CAUSING COMPETITION
AND SOMETIMES CONFLICT BETWEEN DRINKING WATER REQUIREMENTS
AND REQUIREMENTS FOR OTHER PURPOSES SUCH AS INDUSTRY,
ENERGY PRODUCTION AND IRRIGATION. THE ITEMS COVERED BY THE
FRENCH PROPOSAL RANGE FROM ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES FOR
SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND WATER FLOW SIMULATION, TO ECONOMIC
INDUCEMENTS TO ENCOURAGE PREFERENTIAL ALLOCATION OF
RESOURCES.

8. ON MARCH 2-3, PARTICIPANTS IN PROJECT AREA VI (GROUND-
WATER CONSIDERATIONS) MET IN ORDER TO AGREE ON A SCOPE OF
WORK AND TO DISTRIBUTE THE WORKLOAD. IT WAS DECIDED TO
LIMIT THE PROJECT TO "PROTECTION OF GROUNDWATER QUALITY",
INCLUDING THE TOPICS OF ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE, GROUNDWATER
POLLUTION, CHANGES IN WATER QUALITY DURING UNDERGROUND
TRAVEL, AND GROUNDWATER PROTECTION (TECHNICAL AND
LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATIONS). DETAILS OF OUTLINES OF THE
WORK TO BE PERFORMED IN EACH OF THESE TOPIC AREAS WILL BE
PREPARED PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING IN BONN (APRIL 24-27).

9. LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD, PLANS FOR THE FIRST AREA II
(ADVANCED TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY) CONFERENCE IN KARLSRUHE,
FRG ARE WELL ADVANCED. THE CONFERENCE WILL COVER
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"OXIDATION TECHNIQUES IN DRINKING WATER TREATMENT" AND WILL RUN FROM SEPTEMBER 11 TO 13, 1978. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE, AREA IV PROPOSES TO HOLD A ONE DAY WORKING SESSION ON RISK ASSESSMENT, WHICH WILL AGAIN TAKE THE FORM OF A SYMPOSIUM, FOLLOWED BY OPEN DISCUSSION.

10. A TOTAL OF 33 DELEGATES REPRESENTING 10 NATIONS WERE PRESENT IN AMSTERDAM FOR ONE OR MORE DAYS OF THE MEETINGS TO AREAS III, IV AND V. IN ADDITION, 13 DELEGATES REPRESENTING 5 NATIONS ATTENDED THE AREA VI MEETING. THE NATIONS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THESE OR PRIOR MEETINGS AMOUNT TO 13: BELGIUM, CANADA, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, GREECE, ISRAEL, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SPAIN, SWEDEN, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES.

IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT ANY FURTHER NATIONS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE, WHETHER ACTIVELY IN SPECIFIC GROUPS OR AS OBSERVERS, WILL ATTEND THE MEETINGS IN BONN. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE WISH OF THE PILOT AND CO-PILOT COUNTRIES THAT ALL NATIONS BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE TO THE MAXIMUM IN THE DEFINITION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK. THE PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE FOR THE DRINKING WATER STUDY AS A WHOLE REMAINS MID-1979, AND THEREFORE, AS WORK IN THE SIX AREAS IS NOW PROCEEDING ALONG REASONABLY WELL-DEFINED LINES, THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THE SCOPE OF WORK WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY LIMITED. NEVERTHELESS, NEW PARTICIPANTS WILL, OF COURSE, ALWAYS BE WELCOME FOR ANY CONTRIBUTION THEY CAN MAKE TO THE STUDY OF COMMON PROBLEMS. VANCE

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